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**For:** METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR AUTOMATED LAYOUT DIRECTOR.

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Sir:


Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicants respectfully bring the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which applicants are aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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